

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
CITY OF BROWNSVILLE §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

MINUTES of the Public Meeting of the **HERITAGE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE** held at 1034 E. Levee St., Planning Department, Brownsville, Texas, 78520, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Voting Members Present

Murad Abusalim, Council Member
Fernando Balli, Council Member
Rolando Garza, Council Member
Anthony Knopp, Council Member
Reba McNair, Council Member
Serena Putegnat, Council Member
Calvin Walker, Council Member

Nonvoting Members Present

Esthela Valdez, Alternate
Renee Sanchez, Alternate

Members Absent

Jose Luis Alanis, Council Member
Hugo Colon, Council Member
Larry Lof, Council Member
Trey Mendez, Chairman
Vanessa Mancha, Alternate

City Staff

Peter Goodman, Downtown Manage
Juan Velez, Heritage Preservation Officer

I - CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Seeing that a quorum was present, Council Member Calvin Walker called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. February 12, 2016**
- 2. March 4, 2016**
- 3. March 23, 2016**
- 4. April 1, 2016**

Council Fernando Balli moved to approve minutes presented to the board. The motion was seconded by Renee Sanchez, and carried unanimously.

III -PUBLIC HEARING(S) ON CLASS L1/ A2/L2-PERMIT(S)

1. Approval of new ordinances to govern the Brownsville Historic Old City, and Three Amendments on the Municipal Code.

Mr. Gene Fernandez addressed questions regarding the amended ordinances. Mr. Peter Goodman noted that ordinance number 3 needs to be corrected. Corrections were noted and revisions will be made.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Fernando Balli moved to **approve** this item with revisions discussed during meeting. The motion was seconded by Anthony Knopp, and carried unanimously.

2. 629 E 11th St.: To Allow the Demolition of an Existing Canopy and its Replacement.

Juan Velez, HPO, presented photos of the existing canopy and design of proposed replacement. The owner also provided samples of the material which will be used on the replacement. Recommendation to approve this item was given by Mr. Velez. Issues with the colors being presented were discussed by board members, but decided that the owner needs to match the existing colors.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Renee Sanchez moved to **approve** the demolition of an existing canopy and its replacement. The motion was seconded by Anthony Knopp, and carried unanimously.

3. 1304 E Tyler St.: To Allow the Demolition of the Complete Structure

Juan Velez, HPO, presented renders of the structure and the condition of the interior building. Calvin Walker noted that this item has been presented to the board previously and approved the demolition of two thirds of the building. Mr. Velez, explained the potential changes that can be made in order to preserve this building, and gave examples of what other owners have done. Jose E Cavazos, owner of this building, gave a brief explanation as to why the demolition is needed. Board members determined to have a committee consisting of Murad Abasulim, Calvin Walker and Fernando Balli visit with the owner in order to have more knowledge of the current condition of the building and make an appropriate decision.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Renee Sanchez moved to **table** the approval of the demolition of the complete structure. The motion was seconded by Rolando Garza, and carried unanimously.

4. 1824 Palm Blvd.: To Allow the Porch Addition, Bedroom Expansion and Bathroom Remodel.

Juan Velez, HPO, presented images of the proposed front façade of property. Contractor Fernando Balli, explained and answered questions regarding the changes that were presented. Issues with the style changes being proposed were discussed among board members.

Once Public Hearing was opened and closed, Council Anthony Knopp moved to **table** the porch addition, bedroom expansion and bathroom remodel. The motion was seconded by Reba McNair.

Council Member, Fernando Balli, abstained since this item is conflict of interest.

5. 1635 E Taylor St.: To Allow a Front Porch Addition.

No Action Taken.

IV. Historic Preservation items

1. There was no comment(s) made by the public.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on this 14 day of Sept, 2016



Trey Mendez,
Chairman Heritage Council

